

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the last paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 as follows:

Therefore, numerous attempts have been made to provide lithium salts having improved properties. Thus, US U.S. Patent No. 4,505,997 and US U.S. Patent No. 5,273,840 describe the use of lithium [tris(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide] or lithium [tris(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)methanide] salts as conducting salts in batteries. Both of these salts have high anodic stability, forming solutions of high conductivity with organic carbonates. However, lithium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide has the drawback of insufficient passivation of the aluminum metal functioning as cathodic current conductor in lithium batteries. On the other hand, the production and purification of lithium tris(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)methanide is only possible with exceedingly high efforts, so that the use of this salt as conducting salt in batteries massively increases the production cost of such lithium batteries.